

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Imperial, California



537 farms in 2002, 609 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

514,101 acres in 2002, 495,144 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

957 acres in 2002, 813 acres in 1997, up 18 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,043,279,000 in 2002, \$855,081,000 in 1997, up 22 percent. Crop sales accounted for \$649,063,000 of the total value in 2002. Livestock sales accounted for \$394,215,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

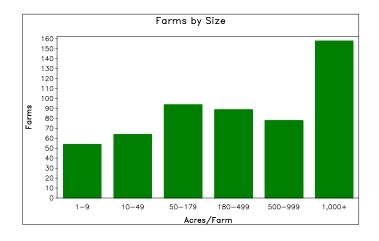
\$1,942,791 in 2002, \$1,404,074 in 1997, up 38 percent.

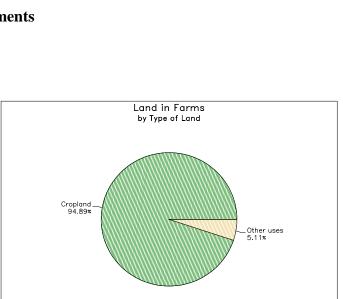
Government Payments

\$3,301,000 in 2002, \$2,403,000 in 1997, up 37 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$18,970 in 2002, \$14,741 in 1997, up 29 percent.







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Ranked items among the 58 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1	U.S. Rank	Universe 1
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,043,279	8	58	9	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	649,063	10	58	12	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	394,215	7	58	21	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	21,507	14	48	649	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	7,761	9	17	123	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	289,405	4	56	5	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	36,327	30	55	58	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,979	38	55	521	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	43	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	290,085	1	57	2	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	369,779	1	57	10	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	47	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	53	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8,041	1	56	3	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	5	56	56	2,977	3,014
Aquaculture	6,188	2	51	45	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	392,026	5	57	7	3,059
Sheep and lambs	135,824	1	57	1	2,867
Colonies of bees	24,652	5	54	8	2,392
Horses and ponies	275	53	57	2,674	3,065
All Goats	(D)	50	55	(D)	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	304,747	1	57	2	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	75,391	4	56	5	2,710
All Field and grass seed crops	54,333	1	28	4	1,293
All Wheat for grain	47,179	2	38	263	2,517
Sugarbeets for sugar	28,305	1	11	17	158

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	48	Farming	436
\$1,000 to \$2,499	3	Other	101
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	16	Male	512
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	25
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	66	All operators 2 by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	White	736
\$500,000 or more	246	Black or African American	7
		American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	845,300	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10
Average per farm (\$)	1,562,478	Asian	18
•		More than one race	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	207,296		
Average per farm (\$)	383,172	All operators 2 of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	161

⁽D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.